

[18th October 1927]

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ Following up the question I was asking, Sir, whether Government at present do not know that passing commercial subjects makes a man eligible for future study although they have not been included in the Government Order, may I know whether the reconsideration would not include the whole question of commercial subjects also.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ If proficiency in commercial subjects makes a man eligible for University course and if the University course is in future accepted as a qualification for Government service it would seem to follow that the hon. Member is correct. I do not know if it is so.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know whether there is an understanding that the whole question will be considered ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The only question is eligibility for the University course.”

### Village Establishments

#### *Restoration of village officers.*

\* 517 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the number of assistant karnams, assistant reddis, vettis and talaiyaris was before villages were grouped together ;

(b) how many of them were dispensed with at the grouping ;

(c) how many of them have been reinstated under the Village Officers Restoration Act; and

(d) if all those that were dispensed with at the grouping of villages have not been reinstated, what the reasons are that have led to such action ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the Civil Budget Estimates for 1921-22 which have been published.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have not the particulars asked for but have called for a full statement of details as to the result of the measures taken in each district. When that is received the necessary information will be laid on the table.

### Jails

#### *Introduction of hand-spinning and hand-loom weaving in prisons.*

\* 518 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to refer to the debate in this House on 28th March 1927 on the Demand for Supplementary Grant XXXIII and to state—

(a) whether any and if so what steps have been taken to introduce hand-spinning as well as hand-loom weaving in the prisons ;

(b) whether any orders have been issued with a view to encourage hand-woven cloth out of hand-spun yarn by directing its use for uniforms for peons, ordinary police, abkari police and forest beat guards and so on ;

18th October 1927]

(c) whether Government have issued any orders preventing Government servants from subscribing to the All-India Khaddar Fund, and if so, what the orders exactly are and on what grounds they are based; and

(d) whether they have issued orders discouraging Government servants from wearing caps and dress of khaddar cloth?

A.—(a) Hand-spinning and hand-loom weaving are already carried out more or less extensively in all manufacturing jails.

(b) No.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 506, Public, dated 1st June 1927 (appended a).

(d) No.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ With reference to clause (b), the question is whether any orders have been issued. The answer is ‘No’. What are the grounds for that answer ‘No’? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ No order has been issued, Sir.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Why? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Because there is no reason why it should, Sir.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ With reference to clause (d), whether they have issued orders discouraging Government servants from wearing caps and dress of khaddar cloth, what is the attitude of the Government on the point whether they would tolerate clerks and others coming to office with khaddar caps and khaddar cloth? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The attitude of the Government as regards this question is apparently asked in regard to the supply of materials for peons, police, abkari servants, etc. The policy of Government is briefly that they should get the best value for their money and that indigenous materials should be given preference to foreign ones.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Then, as regards clause (d), the question is whether they have issued orders and the answer is ‘No’. What I want to know is what is the attitude of Government and Government officials as to clerks coming to office with khaddar caps and khaddar cloths? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ That would depend upon the clerks and officers. I do not know.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ What is the attitude of the officers themselves? Will they get offended at it? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I am afraid that is a hypothetical question.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ That is my question.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is a hypothetical question.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ With regard to this, will the Government give some information? Apart from the belts and topis, I wish to know whether cloths are now on a large scale hand spun and hand woven.”



[18th October 1927]

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Cloths are to a certain extent hand spun. For example, we get silk cloths manufactured in jails."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know if the hon. Member is sure that it is the hand yarn and not the mill yarn that is woven into carpets?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Sometimes it is."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"May I know whether the Government have any objection to issue a Government Order that they have no objection to all Government servants wearing khaddar?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Government never issue orders of that sort."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"My question is whether Government have any objection?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I say Government never issue orders saying they have no objection to people generally doing something or other."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether by hand spinning jute and wool are meant or cotton?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think both."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"Is hand spinning of cotton carried on extensively in jails?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think that is the information, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"What is the percentage of hand spun yarn that is used in jails as compared with mill yarn?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I should like to have notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"Approximate percentage if you choose."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"If the hon. the Home Member really desires that hand spinning should go on in jails, will he issue orders to that effect, that cotton hand spinning should be extended in jails?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"It is going on, Sir, at the present moment."

*Number of Malabar rebellion prisoners in jail.*

\* 519 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : With reference to the answer to (a) and (b) of my question No. 771, dated 31st March 1927, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the report called for regarding the number of Malabar rebellion prisoners, both Mappillas and non-Mappillas, in the Indian jails and in the Andamans; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to place on the table the report received regarding these prisoners?